

## **Abstract**

5 A printhead supporting shell (4) is provided for a pagewidth printhead assembly (1). The  
shell comprises a longitudinal laminated structure defining an interior space and formed  
from continuous layers of at least two materials (10,11). The layers are odd in number and  
disposed symmetrically about a central layer (10). In preferred embodiments, the supporting  
10 shell is adapted to a pagewidth printhead (12).

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